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Long Beach Man Convicted of Killing Wife

A jury yesterday found a 42-year-old man guilty of killing his wife in 2013, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Janis Johnson said the jury deliberated for less than two hours before convicting Kevin Adonis Forrest of first-degree murder in case NA094966.

Jurors also found true the special allegations of personally and intentionally discharging a handgun, which caused great bodily injury and death, as well as personally using a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife.

Forrest is scheduled to be sentenced Oct. 30 in Department S18 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Long Beach Branch. He faces a maximum sentence of 50 years to life in state prison.

The prosecutor said on Feb. 27, 2013, the defendant fatally shot and stabbed his wife of 18 years, Kathleen Ann Forrest, 59. The defendant then tried to dismember her, but was unsuccessful.

Four days after the slaying, Kevin Forrest called police and said he killed his wife, the prosecutor said. Authorities arrived at the home, discovered the victim's body and arrested the defendant.

During the trial, Kevin Forrest testified that his wife had been verbally abusive to him. Additionally, the defendant said he was drunk the day of the crime, but he did not remember killing his wife or trying to dismember her. However, police found photos taken by Kevin Forrest of the victim's deceased body.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.